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SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH UNIVERSITIES OPEN FOR BUSINESS-AS-USUAL, PATTERN OF VIOLENT RIGHT-LEFT STUDENT ENCOUNTERS CONTINUES, WITH MOST RECENT PROVOCATION COMING FROM EXTREME RIGHT IDEALIST HEARTHS ORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY

1. THE PATTERN OF LEFT-RIGHT STUDENT VIOLENCE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE 1974-75 ACADEMIC YEAR CONTINUED NOV. 4 AS "COMMANDOS" LINKED WITH EXTREME RIGHT-WING IDEALIST HEARTHS ORGANIZATION (ULKU OCAKLARI) CLASHED WITH POLICE FOLLOWING DEMONSTRATION AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY (IU). ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, APPROXIMATELY 200 RIGHISTS YOUTHS FIRST DISRUPTED CLASSES AT THE VATAN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE (SCENE OF LEFTIST STUDENT DEATH IN JAN 75), THE MARCHED TO ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY WHERE THEY HELD DEMONSTRATIONS. GROUP NEXT CARRIED PROTEST TO THE HIGH SCHOOL OF FINANCE, A CENTER OF LEFTIST ACTIVITY, WHERE THEY TRIED TO SEIZE A POLICE OFFICI

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OF ALLEGEDLY LEFTIST SYMPATHIES. POLICEMAN ESCAPED TO KUMKAPI POLICE HQ, WHICH COMMANDO GROUP THEN BESEIGED. POLICE REINFORCEMENTS SUBDUED COMMANDOS AND TOOK INTO CUSTODY SEVERAL STUDENTS INCLUDING MUSTAFA VERKEWA, LOCAL PRESIDENT OF THE IDEALIST HEARTHS.

2. IN SEPARATE INCIDENT AT ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY SAME DAY, THREE STUDENTS RECEIVED KNIFE WOUNDS FOLLOWING A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHTIST GROUPS, POLICE INTERVENED QUICKLY AND STOPPED CLASH.

3. DESPITE VIOLENCE, ALL THREE UNIVERSITIES IN ISTANBUL HAVE BEEN HOLDING CLASSES-AS-USUAL, ALBEIT WITH POLICE STANDING BY TO PREVENT ON-CAMPUS BATTLES. OTHER HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ALSO IN SESSION WITH EXCEPTION OF THE ACADEMY OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS IN SISLI, WHERE A BOYCOTT IS UNDER WAY, AND THE VATAN ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL, WHICH WAS RECESSED FOR A DAY FOLLOWING THE NOV. 4 DISRUPTION.

4. COMMENT: AS IN MAJOR INCIDENTS OF LAST ACADEMIC YEAR, EXTREME RIGHT AGAIN APPEARS TO BE TAKING INITIATIVE IN PROVOKING VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS, PROBABLY IN EXPECTATION THAT REACTION FROM LEFT WILL FORCE POLICE TO USE HARSH MEASURES AGAINST LEFTISTS. SINCE POLICE ARE USUALLY CONSIDERED TO LEAN TOWARD RIGHT, ATTACK ON POLICE STATION BY IDEALIST HEARTHS IS UNUSUAL. MOREOVER, SINCE NATIONAL ACTION PARTY LEADER ALPARSLAN TURKES, WHOSE PARTY ALLEGEDLY CONTROLS COMMANDOS, RECENTLY APPEALED TO STUDENTS TO REFRAIN FROM RESORTING TO BRUTE FORCE, THIS ACTION -- IF EVENT ACCURATELY REPORTED

SUGGESTS THAT RIGHT-WING STUDENT FANATICISM MAY BE GETTING OUT OF CONTROL.

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